



# SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020

☒ Bishop ☒ Assisting Minister ☒ All

## GATHERING

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*Easter Acclamation*

☒ Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

☒ **Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Thanksgiving for Baptism*

☒ Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.  
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the  
Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.  
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.  
To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

☒ **Amen.**



1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;  
 2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?  
 3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;  
 4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.  
 5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom-y halls of death Christ, the con-quer-or, has gone,  
 Christ who died our broth-er here lives our broth-er still on high,  
 joined to Christ, your liv-ing head, where he is, you shall be too;  
 Praise him in a no-bler song, cher-u-bim of heav'n-ly birth.  
 Let your cho-rus swell the strain which our fee-ble voic-es raise:



bright fore-run-ner to the skies of his peo-ple, yet to rise.  
 lives for-ev-er to be-stow bless-ings on his church be-low.  
 with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic-tor you shall stand.  
 Praise the vic-tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o-bey.  
 Glo-ry to our God a-bove and on earth his peace and love!

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 Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

### *Greeting & Prayer of the Day*

**B** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**C** And also with you.

**B** Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.  
 Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his  
 commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he  
 lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
 forever.

**C** Amen.

## HEARING THE WORD

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*Psalm*

*Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16*

**A** In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.

**G** **Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me.**

**A** Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my  
stronghold;  
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

**G** **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.**

**A** Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

**G** **My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who  
persecute me.**

**A** Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.

*Gospel Acclamation Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia (v. 1, 2, & refrain) ELW #364*

*Christ has arisen, alleluia.  
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.  
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,  
even from death, dispelling its gloom.*

*Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.  
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Jesus is living, alleluia!*

*For three long days the grave did its worst  
until its strength by God was dispersed.  
He who gives life did death undergo,  
and in its conquest his might did show.*

*Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.  
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Jesus is living, alleluia!*

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*Gospel*

*John 14:1-14*

**A** The Holy Gospel according to John.

**G** Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

- A** The Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Bishop Bill Gohl

Hymn of the Day

*Now the Green Blade Rises*

ELW #379



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

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*Apostles' Creed*

- A** We confess together the faith we share in the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Prayers of the People*

- A** Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
- A** Build us up, mothering God, as living stones united in your spiritual house. Continually strengthen your church as it is sent forth to proclaim your love. We pray especially for new congregations and those in redevelopment. Lord, in your mercy,
- G** hear our prayer.
- A** Humble us, creator God, as part of your creation. Fill us with respect and awe for the world you have made, including volcanoes, ocean currents, tropical rainstorms, glaciers, and other forces that both destroy and create. Lord, in your mercy,
- G** hear our prayer.
- A** Align our ways to your love, O God. We pray for countries, leaders, and other organizations as they prepare places for those seeking refuge and safety, especially Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. Lord, in your mercy,
- G** hear our prayer.

**A** God of healing and rest, help those whose hearts are heavy and weighed down by many troubles. Comfort their suffering, ease their distress, and carry their burdens, especially those we lift up using the hashtag #demdprays. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** Nurturing God, we pray for those who tend and teach young children, for the safe pregnancies of expectant parents, and for families who struggle with infertility and miscarriage. We give thanks for all who have shown mothering care, and we remember all for whom this day is difficult. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** Generous God, you call into your brilliant light all who have died. Give us faith to take hold of the promise of your eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**A** With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

### *The Lord's Prayer*

**A** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C** **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

*Thanksgiving for the Word*

**℣** Let us pray

**℣** Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke dawn into dusk, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**℣ we give you thanks and praise.**

**℣** By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**℣ we give you thanks and praise.**

**℣** Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**℣ we give you thanks and praise.**

**℣** Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**℣ Amen.**

## **SENDING**

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*Blessing*

**℣** Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**℣** Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!



**B** Beloved: Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can. And may the blessing of Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit be with you and abide in you, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

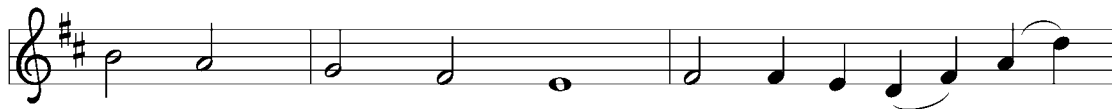
Hymn

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives! (v. 1, 2, 4, & 8)*

ELW #619



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;  
 he lives to plead for me above;  
 he lives my hungry soul to feed;  
 he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
 he lives my mansion to prepare;  
 he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
 he lives and loves me to the end;  
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
 he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
 what joy this blest assurance gives:  
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

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*Dismissal*

**A** Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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